

Caldwell's Reply

To the Question if He is a Candidate For the Senate.

BRIGHT AND ENTERTAINING LETTER

Written in Characteristic Style by Hon. Charles T. Caldwell, of Parkersburg—Some Excellent Reasons Why He is Not a Candidate For Senatorial Honors.

The Parkersburg State Journal publishes the following characteristic letter, written by Hon. Charles T. Caldwell to a Huntington friend in reply to an inquiry as to whether or not he would be a candidate for United States senate:

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Nov. 15, 1894.

Hon. "Gene" Campbell, Huntington, W. Va.

DEAR "GENE":—I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your picturesque and phantasmagorical letter of the 13th inst.

It has been interestingly considered, in all its varied phases, with that degree of care and appreciation which esteemed communications from a tried and valued friend should receive. And now, this evening, while enjoying a lucid interval in the rasping effects of my rheumatic cirrus, I will endeavor to reply, with the usual E. and O. E. reservations, which should be used always in treating on political subjects. A Republican in West Virginia cannot be expected to be sufficiently cool, calm and equivoled in his or her feelings to indict a state paper, so soon after an aerolite of the dimensions of a flock of the Pyramid of Cheops has made a descent and atomized our late "friends, the enemy."

No, I am not spooling or sparring for a fight for United States senator, nor for anything else, but to "slump" in my rheumatic seigneurie I have in old stock. A short spell ago a newspaper did accidentally mention my name on the roster of Bill Cook's relief corps of the Indian territory or the Fifty-third Congress, who would be willing to intentionally and voluntarily jeopardize his character and that of his unsainted mother-in-law in that way. The notice accomplished the desired end. I called on the editor the next morning as I chanced to meet him at the corner pawnshop. We liquidated together (he was a fragment of a Democrat; there are no whole ones now, they are all granulated), and I paid the account according to Democratic times and tariff schedule, viz., ad valorem rates, by a note of hand at long range. The next issue of the aforesaid senatorial boomlet paper contained an apology, which likely deflected a personal encounter that might have resulted in the premature bursting of blood globules. Hence you perceive I am not in it. My only senatorial instinct was momentarily quickened by something like the aspirations expressed by an old saw-buck, who felt constrained to represent himself in the state general assembly, with a slight variation. He said he didn't care for the "emoluments of the office," but he needed the mileage and per diem. Now if the next season's crop of senatorial "emoluments" will be as prolific of saccharine nuggets as the last one was, then I would love to be there if only as the son or servant of a senator.

Of course, "Gene," I am not entirely oblivious to the loose things floating around me, nor ossified to such an extent as not to know when I am "teched." Therefore, I speak in the manner of men only when I say I am not a candidate for senatorial elevation, but I have no control over my friends! And if they should refuse to be conduced (i. e., fixed) by some one else, and go on and elect me to the senate without my knowledge, I would be compelled, knowing there are others more worthy the place, more entitled to that or some other place, more dependent and longer in the service, more distinguished and more experienced, as they have been in office so long—I say I would, knowing there would be other opportunities hereafter, just take the sugar and wire the boys my congratulations. I shrink from the thought.

To go through a congressional race the wrong way, that is, go in the mammoth cave end of the trumpet and come out the diminutive terminus thereof, as I did two years ago, and then have rheumatism with lumbago attachments, ensconced in two corpus delicti, cowering around like a pair of ornamental clowns in a circus, for a couple of years, are about enough engagements for one cycle of time, without wooing the demoralizing effect of Washington senatorial society. Ask my distinguished friend, Judge Harvey, about it. He can tell you as soon as he has been resuscitated, except the rheumatic contingency, which you can assure him on a pile of precedents, will come in about twenty months after the disaster.

No, no, "Gene," I cannot afford to either expose or mix my rheumatism in Washington, for I am informed the smallpox has broken out in the interior department (about the best located disease I know at present). I may be mistaken about the department, as there are so many of them. It may be the posterior department (they were plentiful before Congress adjourned). I prefer rheumatism; defeat for senator or Congress, or even banishment to Jay county, Indiana, to having my countenance freckled by smallpox or any other disfigurement, for my good looks are my only mascot and irreplaceable feature, as I am informed by a distinguished taxidermist. As a matter of fact, such a catastrophe, I am sure, would not mar the features of my friend, Judge Harvey just now. Neither would it have deranged the toilet of my physiognomy a pair of years ago about this time.

With these prime premises laid in concrete, it is hard to come to any other conclusion than this—I am not a candidate for senator, at this time, (subject to future revision) is this: I am preparing a scientific work on the comatose condition of the Democracy, which will also explain the long discussed question of "who struck Billy Patterson," and "where Billy Patterson was 'struck.'" The work will require all my time as I must await the verdict of the professors of the French Academy of Science who are now investigating the ponderous question of why a cat fired out of a window at thirteen stories elevation will light on its feet, instead of its head or back, and with a graceful flourish of its tail bound away to make demonstrations in furtherance of the feline caste. The same distinguished scientific empiricism is also solving the question of which part of the body goes to sleep first. One Magi contends the feet lose consciousness first, then the eye, next the tensor drum of the ear is unstrung and hearing takes a snooze. When these questions are settled we will know just where the Democracy was struck, the number of volts required to do the job and whether or not the concussion caused death or only threw it into a cataleptic state. So you see at a glance it will be impossible for me to spare the time to prove to the legislature that all the other candidates, matured and embryotic, are disheveled and otherwise disreputable and wholly depleted of senatorial requisites and that I am the only man for the position, outside of the members of the legislature and only two or three others in each of the fifty-four counties in the state. Before the last Republican primary election, held November 6, A. D., (which means Anti-Democratic) 1894, and before the typhoid struck Democracy there were three candidates for the senate, viz: Camden, Wilson and Elkins. Camden and Wilson were lost in the squall. If Elkins should die, or become discouraged or conclude the place wouldn't suit him, I would be willing to make the domestic sacrifice in order to keep up the party organization, with the understanding I could give it up when some one could be found who wanted it worse than I did. But I would want an injunction laid, with a steady and firm fist on the recount in Lincoln, Wayne and a few other nomadic precincts, before investing much bi-metalism in the plant.

No, "Gene," I won't run for senator nor anything else, but will continue to be at the "Ghost Dance," properly situated for the war path. In England they don't call it "running" for office, but "standing" for office. There are not as many "standing" for office now as there were a few days ago; many are prostrated. I hope our people won't change it from "running" to "standing" for office for I know a great many who are getting too old to stand for anything. They would have made good "standers" when younger.

Yours ever,
CHARLES T. CALDWELL.

P. S.—Excuse brevity, please.

C. T. C.

A DASTARDLY PLOT.

The Murders of Dr. Ault and Dr. Davis the Result of a Conspiracy.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Nov. 23.—On November 15, Dr. A. E. Ault, of Montgomery, was called from his bed to see a patient on the other side of the creek. The next morning the doctor's body was discovered on the rocks, fifty feet beneath the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad bridge. His head was terribly crushed and his neck broken. The coroner's jury decided that the victim's death resulted from his falling from the bridge. Residents of Montgomery, however, were not satisfied with the verdict, and further investigation strengthens the theory that Dr. Ault was murdered.

This theory is more or less substantiated by the killing of Dr. Davis on Morris creek on August 9. On that day Dr. Davis, while driving down the creek on the Kanawha county side, was shot from ambush and almost instantly killed.

"Bud" Clendenin, a miner was arrested and later convicted of the murder, being sentenced to the penitentiary for life by the Kanawha Criminal Court after one of the most hotly contested and sensational trials in this county's history.

This trial developed a plot among the miners to do away with four or five prominent citizens of Montgomery to prevent damaging testimony in the state's prosecution of the rioters engaged in the Eagle affray on February 28 last. On that occasion Dr. Davis attended a number of the strikers shot in the riot who were afterward with others arrested and jailed. A few days before Dr. Davis' murder he had been subpoenaed before the criminal court of Fayette county to give evidence against the strikers then on trial, and to prevent this he was killed.

On the day previous to the shooting a meeting of the strikers who were dodging officers was held at Taylor Johnson's saloon, and it was there the authorities claim, was hatched the plot which has resulted in two murders.

Dr. Ault succeeded Dr. Davis at Montgomery, and his knowledge of the riot and the affairs of his predecessor made him a man to be feared. Hence it is claimed his death was accomplished.

COLLEGE BOYS IN TROUBLE.

A Blackmail Scheme That Failed—Remarkable Case of Depravity.

URICA, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Mary Dwight, wife of the late Judge Theodore W. Dwight, of Clinton, went to New York about two weeks ago intending to spend the winter there. A few days later she received an unsigned letter demanding that she leave \$1,000 in a certain spot near her house in Clinton on the night of November 20 or her property would be burned. The writer warned her that if she attempted to ascertain who it was that made the demand she would be killed.

Mrs. Dwight handed the letter to her brother, Dwight H. Olmsted, of New York, and a detective was employed. The detective went to Clinton and as the result of his investigations, Peter Kelley, a student at the Clinton Union School, Clarence Kellogg, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Daniel G. McIntyre, Bert Jones and Calvin Barber were arrested.

Kelly made a confession implicating the others. All except McIntyre pleaded not guilty and were discharged by the local justice. McIntyre, who is a member of the class of '96, Hamilton College, and a son of Asst. District Attorney McIntyre, refused to plead until the arrival of his father, who has been telegraphed for. Kelly says he wrote the letter to Mrs. Dwight at the suggestion of his associates. McIntyre denies participation in the scheme.

More Green Goods Circulars.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 23.—Baltimore is again being flooded with green goods circulars. Women, not men, are now given an opportunity by the aliek gen-

try to get much for little. Within the last few days any number of them have received the imitation typewritten paper directing them how to get the counterfeit bills. Investigation shows that many business women, dress makers and others are those usually chosen as victims. The full names of the parties to whom a mention is given appear on the addressed envelope.

THE GAME OF DIPLOMACY

In Connection With the China-Japan Affair Grows Interesting—England's Position Not Entirely Disinterested—Some Entertaining Facts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—The latest China-Japan developments, disclose an interesting game of diplomacy. The cable advices stating that the British officials are delighted with the result sustained by the United States in Japan's rejection of mediation, cause much amusement among the officials and diplomats here who are familiar with the facts.

While the British version that the United States acted entirely alone in its offer and without the co-operation of Great Britain is literally true, yet it is also known that her majesty's government, for trade or commercial reasons, heartily desired the success of the movement as it was feared a continuance of the war might affect British commercial interests in the east disastrously. The sentiment of British diplomats on Japan's rejection of our overtures is therefore tempered by financial considerations. From the outset of the negotiations Great Britain has shown the greatest anxiety to have the war terminated, and the foreign office has twice submitted formal requests that the United States join Great Britain in intervention. The interest of Great Britain in the matter was known to rest on no sentimental ground, but because of a desire to preserve China, one of the greatest commercial markets of English merchants. In official circles it was well understood that the offer was at the instance of China. The United States declined all overtures from England, but at the request of China made the independent offer of mediation.

The request coming from China, and being in the interest of Great Britain's policy of preserving China, was known to have the moral support of her majesty's government, even if it lacked the open co-operation of the foreign office, which would have been unacceptable to this government if it involved any entangling alliance. Since then China has bent every effort to have the American proposition accepted, and owing to the relations between China and Great Britain, it is not doubted that the latter country has desired the administration proposition accepted. Any delight, therefore, which British officials may express at Japan's "snubbing" the United States is attributable to personal reasons, and not to the failure of the object Great Britain has earnestly sought.

PAT DIVER CORNERED.

The Tammany Police Justice Must Answer Some Serious Charges.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Patrick Diver, police justice of the city of New York, may be compelled to show cause why he would not be deprived of his judicial functions. A petition with that end in view has been lodged with Joseph F. Daly, chief judge of the court of common pleas. The petition alleges on information and belief that Diver, is habitually careless, negligent and inefficient in the charge of the duties of his office; that he has been guilty of malfeasance in office; that he has scandalously and disgracefully offered bribes to secure falsification of election returns; that he has been in conspiracy and collusion with green goods swindlers, and that he has engaged in public brawl to the degradation of his office and his own personal disfigurement.

The petition is signed by five taxpayers of this city, of whom one is Isaac K. Funk, the publisher, and another Charles E. Sprague, president of the Union Dime Savings Bank. The petitioners do not represent any organization, but are acting in their individual capacity. The law provides that charges against a police justice may be tried publicly before the judges of the court of common pleas. Diver was appointed a police justice by Mayor Hugh J. Grant. It is not of record that he had practiced or read law, being at the time of his appointment the keeper of a saloon on Park Row. The pay of a police justice is \$8,000 a year.

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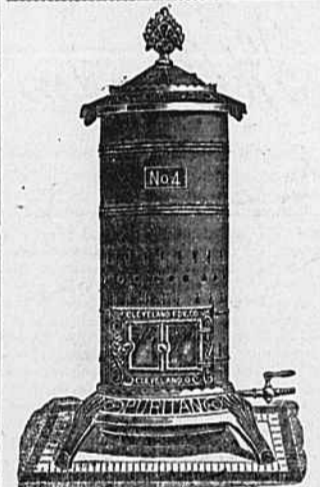
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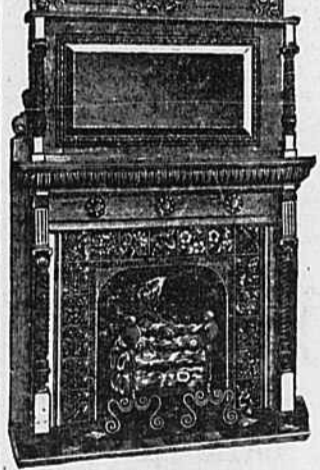


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